

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An RF module comprising:

a first waveguide for propagating electromagnetic waves in a TEM mode; and

a second waveguide connected to the first waveguide, for propagating

electromagnetic waves in another mode different from the TEM mode,

wherein the second waveguide has a region surrounded by at least two ground
electrodes facing each other and conductors for bringing at least two ground electrodes into
conduction, electromagnetic waves propagate in the region,

the first waveguide extends in a direction orthogonal to a stacking direction of
the ground electrodes, an end of the first waveguide is directly ~~or indirectly~~ connected so as to
be conductive to one of the ground electrodes of the second waveguide from the direction
orthogonal to the stacking direction, and

magnetic fields of the first and second waveguides are coupled in an E plane
of the second waveguide so that the direction of the magnetic field of the electromagnetic
waves propagated in the first waveguide and the direction of the magnetic field of the
electromagnetic waves in another mode propagated in the second waveguide match with each
other.
2. (Previously Presented) An RF module according to claim 1, wherein the
second waveguide is to propagate the electromagnetic waves in a TE mode.
3. (Original) An RF module according to claim 1, wherein the first waveguide is
positioned between the ground electrodes facing each other in the second waveguide, and

an end of the first waveguide is conductively connected to one of the ground
electrodes facing each other.

4. (Previously Presented) An RF module according to claim 1, wherein the first waveguide has a dielectric substrate, and

a line pattern disposed on the dielectric substrate.

5. (Previously Presented) An RF module according to claim 4, wherein a plurality of penetrating conductors penetrating the dielectric substrate are provided around the line pattern so as to sandwich the line pattern and

an interval between the penetrating conductors sandwiching the line pattern in the width direction is equal to or less than a cut-off frequency of the electromagnetic waves propagating through the first waveguide.

6. (Previously Presented) An RF module according to claim 5, wherein the interval between the penetrating conductors is decided on the basis of the degree of magnetic coupling.

7. (Original) An RF module according to claim 1, wherein a penetrating conductor for coupling adjustment is provided in a coupling portion between the first and second waveguides.

8. (Original) An RF module according to claim 3, wherein a window is provided in at least one of a ground electrode side to which the first waveguide is conductively connected and the side opposite to the ground electrode side in the coupling portion of the first waveguide.

9. (Previously Presented) An RF module according to claim 1, wherein the second waveguide has a stacking structure in which three or more ground electrodes are stacked and has a plurality of propagation regions for the electromagnetic waves in the stacking direction, and

an end of the first waveguide is conductively connected to the ground electrode between neighboring propagation regions in the second waveguide.

10. (Previously Presented) An RF module according to claim 9, wherein an end of the first waveguide is conductively connected to a ground electrode between neighboring propagation regions in the second waveguide so that the electromagnetic waves propagated through the first waveguide are branched and propagated into the plurality of propagation regions in the second waveguide.

11. (Original) An RF module according to claim 1, wherein the first waveguide is a strip line, a microstrip line, or a coplanar line.

12. (Previously Presented) An RF module according to claim 1, wherein the second waveguide is to propagate the electromagnetic waves in another mode in a multiple mode.

13-14. (Canceled)